SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—They might not have removed it on the same day because they might not have noticed it.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—There was a huge procession on the day and the Police were moving about on that day, still it was not removed on the same day, why ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—In a big Mela. it is possible the Police might not have noticed it ; subsequently an vigilant officer might have noticed it and got it removed the next day The Board is in the judicial custody in connection with a case.

Supply of Denatured Spirit to Licencees

120. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the policy of Government on Denatured Spirit in the State of Karnataka ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has issued a Circular on 12th July 1973 regarding Denatured Spirit ;

(*c*) if so, the contents of that circular ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Government had permitted the export of denatured spirit to other State ;

(*e*) if so, the reasons for exporting it to other States when it is not supplied to the licensees in the State from July 1973 to December 1973 ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Deputy Commissioner of Districts issue licences as per Karnataka Excise (Denatured Spirit and Denatured Spiritious Preparations) Rules, 1967 subject to availability of Denatured Spirit in the Distilleries.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Copy is appended.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Copy of Circular No. EXE. DST. II. 11/73-74 dated 12th July 1974 from the Excise Commissioner, Bangalore.

Sub. Regarding grant of Denatured Spirit and supply of Denatured Spirit to the Licensees.

The Deputy Commissioners of several Districts are sending applications for enhancement of monthly quota of Denatured spirit sanctioned for the year 1972-73 for the issue of fresh licence etc. In this connection the Deputy Commissioners are requested to issue (in

future) only the authorisation for purchase and store of Denatured Spirit subject to availability during the year 1973–74 as there will be no fixed quota of Denatured Spirit for the District and the fresh license may be sanctioned as per Rules.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The Hon. Chief Minister has quoted a circular in an answer to my question. But this circular is an incomplete one. In the circular they have mentioned only two facts. There is no fixed quota of denatured spirit for the District, and the fresh license may be sanctioned as per Rules. The third thing is that transport permit may be issued subject to the availability of denatured spirit stock in the distillery. I want to know why the third thing is not mentioned in the circular ?

†Sri D. DEVARAJ URS. —If the hon. member were to hand over a copy of the circular which is in his possession, I shall get it verified.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—If that is the case, I request the Hon. Speaker kindly to hold over this question.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—I want the hon. member to pass on that circular to me so that I can verify it. It is possible that somebody might have printed another circular and given it to him.

(Sir B. B. Sayanak handed over the circular to hon. Chief Minister)

Here is a circular passed on to me. This circular has to be noted as that of Sri Sayanak's because it is not signed. It is not even mentioned that it is a true copy.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—The hon. Member Sri Sayanak has produced the circular in the presence of the House. This can be taken as authentic copy of the circular.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—This is only a printed copy of the circular. This seems to me be different from the real circular. If it is a true copy of the circular, let him mention it on his paper as 'true copy" and attest his signature. Hon. Member-Sri Kagodu Thimmappa is a lawyer. Let him not argue a bad case.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—The contention of the hon. member Sri Sayanak is that the full test of the circular is not publised in the annexure.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The typed copy given to me does not mention that it is a true copy of the circular. This being so, how can I treat it as a correct one.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK —In the circular annexed to the question list, the third thing has not been mentioned.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The third thing might have been subsequently introduced by some one else. Anyway the veracity of your circular will have to be verified.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Whether it is a fact that 50 percent of the quota of denatured spirit to the licensees is reduced in the year 1969-70 and again 75 percent of the quota of the denatured spirit is also reduced to the licensees through Karnataka State ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—May be, it depends upon the availability of the spirit. I can only say that there was reduction. With regard to percentage, I will have to consult and tell you.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—If there is a reduction in the quota of the licensees then where was the necessity for issuing this circular which indicated that fresh licenses maybe sanctioned as per the rules ; why the Government has sanctioned fresh licenses ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The circular is self-explanatory. This was done previously when I was not the Chief Minister. There is a mistaken notion. I may point out that it is not the Government that does all these things. It is the Excise Commissioner who is empowered to do all these things. The Excise Commissioner has discretionary powers to do all these things. I am certainly not competent to give a direction to the Excise Commissioner to issue a license to X or Y should not be given a license. The distribution of spirit and alcohol is done by the Central Government. The State Government do not distribute these products.

SRI B. B SAYANAK.—You have stated that there is reduction in the quota to be issued to the licensees. When that is the position, how congressmen are able to get the usual quota in Belgaum ?

SRI DEVARAJ URS.—What is the sin the Congressmen have committed ? Should they not get the licence ? Are they not the citizens of India ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಬೇರೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೊಪೋರ್ಷನೇಟಾಗಿ ಕೋಟಾವನ್ನು ರೆಡ್ಯೂಸ್ ಮಾಡಿದಮೇಲೆ, ಕೇವಲ ಇಬ್ಬರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಕೋಟಾ ಕೊಡುವ ಕಾರಣವಾದರೂ ಏನು ? ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಲೆವಲ್ಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ರೆಡ್ಯೂಸ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರೂ ಇವರಿಬ್ಬರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಕೊಡಲು ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—They are the citizens of India.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನೇ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ನೀವು ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಒಂದುವೇಳೆ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ಆದನ್ನು ಏಕೆ ಮುಚ್ಚಿಟ್ಟು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ? ಅವರಿಗೆ ಆ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೊಡಲು ವಿಶೇಷವಾದ ಕಾರಣಗಳು ಏನಿದ್ದವು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ್ ಅರಸ್.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಂಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ಅವರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂತಹ ಪವರನ್ನು ಡೆಲೀಗೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಲೋಕಲ್ ಸೂಪರಿಂ

ಟೆಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಅವರ ಡಿಸ್ಕ್ರಿಪ್ಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಒಬ್ಬ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಕೋಟಾ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರ ಬಹುದು. ಆ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ಏನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮಪ್ಪ.—ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಒಂದು ಆಜ್ಞೆಯನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದಮೇಲೆ, ಆ ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಸಮನ್ವಯವಾಗಿ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗಬೇಕು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಇಬ್ಬರಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷತಾದ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿಯಿಂದ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ? ಆ ಆಜ್ಞೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯೇನು? ಅದರ ಸ್ವರೂಪವೇನು ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—If you have got any charges that he has misused his discretion, I will have to look into the matter. I will do it.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—I am asking the Government why it has allowed the officers of the Excise Department to do mischief in Belgaum. The Commissioner for Excise has not gone to Belgaum inspite a wire. They have misused the power. I do not know why he has not gone to Belgaum even though there is a wire for him.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—If there is any lapse on the part of the Officers, I will look into it. ಈ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಮೊದಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೋಟಾ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಡಿಸ್ಕ್ರಿಪ್ಷನ್ ಪವರ್ ಇದೆ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Income derived from Hassan Regulated Market Committee.

131. SRI K. H. HANUME GOWDA.(Hassan).—

Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the income and expenditure per annum from each item for the last three years in the Hassan Regulated Marketing Committee ;

(*b*) the hoblies, places and the taluks which come under the jurisdiction of this Committee ;

(*c*) whether the Committee has constructed Merket Yards for the better transaction of business ;

(*d*) whether the Committee has powers to collect taxes as and when it is required in the villages or sandies that are within their jurisdiction where the Committee has failed to construct Market Yards ; If so, the income per annum derived in this behalf for the last three years ?

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Co-operation)

(*a*) Statement appended.

(*b*) Kattaya, Salagama, Kasaba, Shanthigrama and Dudda Hoblies of Hassan Taluk, Kasaba, Bikkodu and Hanehalli Hoblies of Belur Taluk.

(*c*) At Hassan.

(*d*) They have power to levy taxes as per rule 6 of the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Market (control) Act. No. separate account are maintained in this behalf. They are included in yearly income and expenditure accounts